



Christina School District
Distance Education Student Transportation Service
Request for Proposal
Contract No. CSD-2012-21

June 5 , 2012

- Deadline to Respond -
June 25, 2012
2:00 PM (Local Time)

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CONTRACT NO. CSD-2012-21

ALL VENDORS:

The enclosed packet contains a "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL" for Distance Education Student Transportation Services. The proposal consists of the following documents:

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In order for your proposal to be considered, the Proposal Reply Section shall be executed completely and correctly and returned in a sealed envelope clearly displaying the contract number and vendor name by June 25, 2012 at 2:00 PM (Local Time) to be considered.

Proposals must be mailed to:

**Mr. Gaurang Pathak
Christina School District
Business Office
600 N. Lombard Street
Wilmington, DE 19801
pathakg@christina.k12.de.us**

Please review and follow the information and instructions contained in the General Provisions and this Request for Proposal. Should you need additional information, please call Gaurang Pathak at 302-522-2669 or email at pathakg@christina.k12.de.us.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to obtain sealed proposals to provide Distance Education Student Transportation Services for the students that are in an Alternative Distance Education Program available to high school students who are precluded from attending their comprehensive high school and are entitled to transportation.

1. COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL

It has been determined by Christina School District, pursuant to **Delaware Code Title 29, Chapter 6924 (a)** that this solicitation be offered as a request for competitive sealed proposals because the use of competitive sealed bidding is not practical and/or not in the best interest of the Christina School District. The use of competitive sealed proposals is necessary to:

- Use a contract other than a fixed-price type; or
- Conduct oral or written discussions with vendors concerning technical and price aspects of their proposals; or
- Afford vendors an opportunity to revise their proposals through best and final offers; or
- Compare the different price, quality and contractual factors of the proposals submitted; or
- Award a contract in which price is not the determining factor.

2. CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

This contract will be issued to provide Distance Education Student Transportation Services.

3. MULTIPLE SOURCE AWARD

Christina School District reserves the right to award this contract to more than one vendor pursuant to 29 Del.C. §6926. Christina School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to make multiple awards, partial awards, award by types, item by item, or lump sum total, whichever may be most advantageous to the school district.

4. CONTRACT PERIOD

Each Vendor's contract shall be valid for a one (1) year period from the date of the contract is signed and executed. Each contract may be renewed for two (2) additional one (1) year period through negotiation between the Vendor and Government Support Services. Negotiation may be initiated no later than ninety (90) days prior to the termination of the current agreement.

The School District reserves the right to extend this contract on a month-to-month basis for a period of up to three months after the term of the full contract has been completed.

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B. KEY RFP DATES/MILESTONES

The following dates and milestones apply to this RFP and subsequent contract award. Vendors are advised that these dates and milestones are not absolute and may change due to unplanned events during the bid proposal and award process.

Activity	Due Date
RFP Availability to Vendors	June 5, 2012
Mandatory Pre-bid Conference	NOT REQUIRED
Written Questions Due No Later Than (NLT)	June 19, 2012
Written Answers Due/Posted to Website NLT	June 21, 2012
Proposals Due NLT	June 25, 2012 at 2:00 PM (Local Time)
Public Proposal Opening	June 25, 2012
Proposal Presentations as required	To be determined, if necessary
Vendor Best & Final Discussions	To be determined, if necessary
Contract Award	Will occur within 45 days of bid opening

C. INQUIRIES & QUESTIONS

We welcome your interest in working with us, and we will be pleased to answer any questions you may have in formulating your response to this Request for Proposal.

All questions with regard to the interpretation of this solicitation, drawings, or specifications, or any other aspect of this RFP must be received in writing by June 19, 2012. All questions will be answered in writing by June 21, 2012 and posted on <http://bids.delaware.gov/> website. All questions must make specific reference to the section(s) and page numbers from this RFP where applicable. Oral explanations or instructions will not be binding.

Questions not submitted electronically shall be accompanied by a CD and questions shall be formatted in Microsoft Word.

D. RFP DESIGNATED CONTACT

All requests, questions, or other communications about this RFP shall be made in writing to the Christina School District. Address all communications to the person listed below; communications made to other Christina School District personnel or attempting to ask questions by phone or in person will not be allowed or recognized as valid and may disqualify the vendor. Vendors should rely only on written statements issued by the RFP designated contact.

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To ensure that written requests are received and answered in a timely manner, electronic mail (e-mail) correspondence is acceptable, but other forms of delivery, such as postal and courier services can also be used.

E. CONTACT WITH CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE

Direct contact with Christina School District employees other than the Christina School District Designated Contact regarding this RFP is expressly prohibited without prior consent. Vendors directly contacting Christina School District employees risk elimination of their proposal from further consideration. Exceptions exist only for organizations currently doing business in the State or School District who require contact in the normal course of doing that business.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

A. OVERVIEW

The Vendor(s) shall provide all equipment, materials and labor to supplement the Christina School District's need for Distance Education Student Transportation Services as described herein. The contract will require the Vendor(s) to cooperate with the ordering agency to insure that Christina School District receives the most current state-of-the-art material and/or services.

B. BACKGROUND & STATEMENT OF NEEDS

The Christina School District is located in Wilmington and Newark, Delaware. The District has a student enrollment between 17,000 and 18,000 students enrolled in over 30 schools/programs. The District is seeking a qualified vendor (s) to provide Distance Education Student Transportation Services.

C. DETAILED REQUIREMENTS

The technical requirements of this RFP are stated in Appendix A.

FORMAT FOR PROPOSAL

A. INTRODUCTION

This section prescribes the mandatory format for the presentation of a proposal in response to this RFP. Each Vendor must provide every component listed in the order shown in this RFP, using the format prescribed for each component. A proposal may be rejected if it is incomplete or conditional.

B. PROPOSAL RESPONSE

The Request for Proposal may contain pre-printed forms for use by the vendor in submitting its proposal. The forms required by this solicitation shall be considered mandatory, prevailing documents.

When preprinted forms are used, the forms shall contain basic information such as description of the item and the estimated quantities and shall have blank spaces for use by the vendor for entering information such as unit bid price, total bid price, as applicable.

The Vendor's proposal shall be written in ink or typewritten on the form provided, and any corrections or erasures MUST be initialed by vendor's representative completing the bid submission.

If items are listed with a zero quantity, Vendor shall state unit price ONLY (intended for open end purchases where estimated requirements are not known). The proposal shall show a total bid price for each item bid and the total bid price of the proposal excluding zero quantity items.

Vendors' proposal must respond to each and every requirement outlined in the RFP criteria in order to be considered responsive. Proposals must be clear and concise.

C. NON-CONFORMING PROPOSALS

Non-conforming proposals will not be considered. Non-conforming proposals are defined as those that do not meet the requirements of this RFP. The determination of whether an RFP requirement is substantive or a mere formality shall reside solely within the Christina School District.

D. CONCISE PROPOSALS

The Christina School District discourages overly lengthy and costly proposals. It is the desire that proposals be prepared in a straightforward and concise manner. Unnecessarily elaborate brochures or other promotional materials beyond those sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired. The School District's interest is in the quality and responsiveness of the proposal.

E. COVER LETTER

Each proposal will have a cover letter on the letterhead of the company or organization submitting the proposal. The cover letter must briefly summarize the Vendor's ability to provide the services specified in the RFP. The cover letter shall be signed by a representative who has the legal capacity to enter the organization into a formal contract with Christina School District.

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F. TABLE OF CONTENTS

Each proposal must include a Table of Contents with page numbers for each of the required components of the proposal.

G. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND QUALIFICATIONS

Each proposal must contain a detailed description of how the Vendor will provide the goods and services outlined in this RFP. This part of the proposal may also include descriptions of any enhancements or additional services or qualifications the Vendor will provide that are not mentioned in this RFP.

H. DISCOUNT

Vendors are invited to offer in their proposal value added discounts (i.e. speed to pay discounts for specific payment terms). Cash or separate discounts should be computed and incorporated into unit bid price(s).

I. SAMPLES OR BROCHURES

Samples or brochures may be required by the agency for evaluation purposes. They shall be such as to permit the Agency to compare and determine if the item offered complies with the intent of the specifications.

J. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF TERMS

By submitting a bid, each vendor shall be deemed to acknowledge that it has carefully read all sections of this RFP, including all forms, schedules and exhibits hereto, and has fully informed itself as to all existing conditions and limitations.

K. BID BOND REQUIREMENT

Bid Bond Waived.

L. PERFORMANCE BOND REQUIREMENT

Performance Bond Waived.

M. NUMBER OF COPIES WITH MAILING OF PROPOSAL

To be considered, all proposals must be submitted in writing and respond to the items outlined in this RFP. The Christina School District reserves the right to reject any non-responsive or non-conforming proposals. Each proposal must be submitted with four (4) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy on CD or DVD media disk. One of the paper copies shall be marked "Master Copy" and will contain original signatures in all locations requiring a vendor signature. The remaining copies do not require original signatures. CD or DVD media disk must contain copies of all forms required for a complete submission, including scanned copies of all attachments and Appendix.

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All properly sealed and marked proposals are to be sent to the Christina School District and **received no later than 2:00 PM (Local Time) on June 25, 2012**. The Proposals may be delivered by Express Delivery (e.g., FedEx, UPS, etc.), US Mail, or by hand to:

**Mr. Gaurang Pathak
Christina School District
Business Office
600 N. Lombard Street
Wilmington, DE 19801**

Any proposal submitted by US Mail shall be sent by either certified or registered mail. Proposals must be received at the above address no later than 2:00 PM (Local Time) on June 25, 2012. Any proposal received after this date shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened. The proposing vendor bears the risk of delays in delivery. The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed as to be made available to competing entities during the negotiation process.

Upon receipt of vendor proposals, each vendor shall be presumed to be thoroughly familiar with all specifications and requirements of this RFP. The failure or omission to examine any form, instrument or document shall in no way relieve vendors from any obligation in respect to this RFP.

The Christina School District reserves the right to award the proposed contract to multiple Vendors if the Head of the Agency determines that such an award is in the best interest of Christina School District.

N. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

Prices quoted in the proposal shall remain fixed and binding on the bidder at least through sixty (60) days. Christina School District reserves the right to ask for an extension of time if needed.

O. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

A Vendor may withdraw its proposal unopened after it has been deposited, if such a request is made prior to the time set for the opening of the proposal.

P. COSTS AND PAYMENT SCHEDULES

All contract costs must be as detailed specifically in the Vendor's cost proposal. No charges other than as specified in the proposal shall be allowed without written consent of the Christina School District. The proposal costs shall include full compensation for all taxes that the selected vendor is required to pay. The Christina School District will require a payment schedule based on defined and measurable milestones. Payments for services will not be made in advance of work performed. The Christina School District may require holdback of contract monies until acceptable performance is demonstrated (as much as 25%).

Q. PENALTIES

The Christina School District may include in the final contract penalty provisions for non-performance, such as liquidated damages.

R. PROPOSAL MODIFICATIONS

Any changes, amendments or modifications to a submitted proposal requires that the original proposal be withdrawn, **prior** to the time set for the submission of the proposal, and a new proposal submitted **prior** to the deadline for submission of proposals.

Changes, amendments or modifications to proposals shall not be accepted or considered after the hour and date specified as the deadline for submission of proposals.

S. LATE PROPOSALS

Proposals received after the specified date and time will not be accepted or considered. To guard against premature opening, sealed proposals shall be submitted, plainly marked with the proposal title, vendor name, and time and date of the proposal opening. Evaluation of the proposals is expected to begin shortly after the proposal due date. To document compliance with the deadline, the proposal will be date and time stamped upon receipt.

T. ADDENDA TO THE RFP

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP, revisions will be posted at <http://bids.delaware.gov/>. By submitting an offer to Christina School District, vendors have acknowledged receipt, understanding and commitment to comply with all materials, revisions, and addenda related to the Request for Proposal.

U. INCURRED EXPENSES

The Christina School District will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by the Vendor in preparing and submitting a proposal.

V. ECONOMY OF PREPARATION

Proposals should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straight-forward, concise description of the Vendor's offer to meet the requirements of the RFP.

W. DISCREPANCIES AND OMISSIONS

Vendor is fully responsible for the completeness and accuracy of their proposal, and for examining this RFP and all addenda. Failure to do so will be at the sole risk of vendor. Should vendor find discrepancies, omissions, unclear or ambiguous intent or meaning, or should any questions arise concerning this RFP, vendor shall notify Christina School District's Designated Contact, in writing, of such findings at least ten (10) days before the proposal opening. This will allow issuance of any necessary addenda. It will also help prevent the opening of a defective proposal and exposure of vendor's proposal upon which award could not be made. All unresolved issues should be addressed in the proposal.

Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of the solicitation, will be disallowed if these faults have not been brought to the attention of the Designated Contact, in writing, no later than ten (10) calendar days prior to the time set for opening of the proposals.

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X. EXCEPTIONS

Vendors may elect to take minor exception to the specifications, terms and conditions of this RFP by completing Attachment 3. All exceptions must be listed on Attachment 3. Exceptions listed elsewhere in a Vendor's proposal will not be considered. Christina School District will evaluate each exception according to the intent of the terms and conditions contained herein, but shall reject exceptions that do not conform to State bid law and/or create inequality in the treatment of Vendors. Exceptions shall be considered only if they are submitted with the proposal or before the date and time of the proposal opening. If the Vendor is taking no exceptions, respond accordingly on Attachment 3.

Y. BUSINESS REFERENCES

Business references are to be provided via Attachment 6.

Z. DOCUMENT(S) EXECUTION

All vendors must complete and submit with its proposal the non-collusion statement that is enclosed with this Request for Proposal labeled as Attachment 2. The awarded vendor(s) will be presented with the contract form for signature and seal, if appropriate. Both of these documents shall be executed by a representative who has the legal capacity to enter the organization into a formal contract with Christina School District.

AA. SUBCONTRACTS

Subcontracting is permitted under this RFP and contract. However, every subcontractor shall be identified in the Proposal using Attachment 7. **The prime vendor shall be wholly responsible for the entire contract performance whether or not subcontractors are used.** Any subcontractors must be approved by Christina School District.

BB. CONFIDENTIALITY

All documents submitted as part of the vendor's proposal will be deemed confidential during the evaluation process. Vendor proposals will not be available for review by anyone other than the Christina School District Proposal Evaluation Committee or its designated agents. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor's information to a competing vendor prior to award of the contract.

The Christina School District is a public agency as defined by state law, and as such, it is subject to the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 *Del. C.* Ch. 100. Under the law, all the State of Delaware's records are public records (unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential) and are subject to inspection and copying by any person. Vendor(s) are advised that once a proposal is received by the Christina School District and a decision on contract award is made, its contents will become public record and nothing contained in the proposal will be deemed to be confidential except proprietary information.

Vendor(s) shall not include any information in their proposal that is proprietary in nature or that they would not want to be released to the public. Proposals must contain sufficient information to be evaluated and a contract written without reference to any proprietary information. If a Vendor feels that they cannot submit their proposal without including proprietary information, they must adhere to the following procedure or their proposal may be deemed unresponsive and will not be recommended for

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selection. Vendor(s) must submit such information in a separate, sealed envelope labeled "Proprietary Information" with the RFP number. The envelope must contain Attachment 5 describing the documents in the envelope, representing in good faith that the information in each document is not "public record" as defined by 29 *Del. C.* § 10002(d), and briefly stating the reasons that each document meets the said definitions.

Upon receipt of a proposal accompanied by such a separate, sealed envelope, the Christina School District will open the envelope to determine whether the procedure described above has been followed.

If the Vendor does not have any documents it declares confidential or proprietary, Attachment 5 should be completed by checking the appropriate box found at the top of the attachment.

CC. ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - No Proposal Reply Form
Attachment 2 - Non-Collusion Statement
Attachment 3 – Exceptions
Attachment 4 – Company Profile and Capabilities
Attachment 5 – Confidentiality and Proprietary Information
Attachment 6 – Business References
Attachment 7 – Subcontractor Information Form
Attachment 8 – Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise Certification Application
Appendix A – Scope of Work details and other requirements
Appendix B – Other Forms

III. PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCEDURES

A. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO REJECT PROPOSALS

Christina School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part, to make multiple awards, partial awards, award by types, item by item, or lump sum total, whichever is determined to be the most advantageous to the Christina School District. Vendors submitting proposals may be afforded an opportunity for discussion. Vendors may be requested to provide a best and final offer during the negotiation process. Negotiations may be conducted with responsible Vendors who submit proposals found to be reasonably likely to be selected for award. The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed so as to be available to competing Vendors during the negotiation process.

2. CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO CANCEL SOLICITATION

The Christina School District reserves the right to cancel this solicitation at any time during the procurement process, for any reason or for no reason. The Christina School District makes no commitments expressed or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction with any vendor.

This RFP does not constitute an offer by the Christina School District. Vendor's participation in this process may result in the Christina School District selecting your organization to engage in further discussions and negotiations toward execution of a contract. The commencement of such negotiations does not, however, signify a commitment by the Christina School District to execute a contract nor to continue negotiations. The Christina School District may terminate negotiations at any time and for any reason, or for no reason.

3. FORMAL CONTRACT AND/OR PURCHASE ORDER

No employee of the Contractor(s) is to begin any work prior to receipt of a Christina School District Purchase Order signed by authorized representatives of the agency requesting service, properly processed through the Christina School District Accounting Office. A purchase order, telephone call, fax or Christina School District credit card shall serve as the authorization to proceed with work in accordance with the bid specifications and the special instructions, once it is received by the Contractor(s).

4. DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS

Proposals shall be delivered in sealed envelopes, and shall bear on the outside the name and address of the Vendor as well as the designation of the contract. Proposals forwarded by U.S. Mail shall be sent first class to the address stated in this RFP. Proposals forwarded by delivery service other than the U.S. Mail or hand delivered must be delivered to the applicable addresses also stated in this RFP. All bids must clearly display the bid number on the envelope.

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All proposals will be accepted at the time and place set in the RFP. Vendor bears the risk of delays in delivery. Proposals received after the time set for public opening will be returned unopened.

5. PUBLIC OPENING OF PROPOSALS

The proposals shall be publicly opened at the time and place specified by the Agency. Vendors or their authorized representatives are invited to be present.

Only the vendor's name and address will be read aloud during the bid opening process.

6. DISQUALIFICATION OF VENDORS

Any one or more of the following causes may be considered as sufficient for the disqualification of a Vendor and the rejection of its proposal or proposals:

- a. More than one proposal for the same contract from an individual, firm, or corporation under the same or different names.
- b. Evidence of collusion among Vendors.
- c. Unsatisfactory performance record as evidenced by past experience with the Christina School District or on a State of Delaware central contract.
- d. Any suspension or debarment of the parent company, subsidiary or individual involved with the vendor by federal, any state or any local governments within the last 10 years.
- e. If the unit prices are obviously unbalanced either in excess or below reasonable cost analysis values.
- f. If there are any unauthorized additions, interlineations, conditional or alternate bids or irregularities of any kind which may tend to make the proposal incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning.
- g. Non-attendance of mandatory pre-bid meetings shall be cause of disqualification.

7. AUTHORITY OF AGENCY

On all questions concerning the interpretation of specifications, the acceptability and quality of material furnished and/or work performed, the classification of material, the execution of the work, and the determination of payment due or to become due, the decision of the Agency shall be final and binding.

8. OR EQUAL (PRODUCTS BY NAME)

Specifications of products by name are intended to be descriptive of quality or workmanship, finish and performance. Desirable characteristics are not intended to be restrictive. Substitutions of products for those named will be considered provided the vendor certifies that the function, characteristics, performance and endurance qualities of the material offered is equal or superior to that specified.

B. RESPONSIVENESS AND RESPONSIBILITY OF VENDOR

Christina School District shall award this contract to the most responsible and responsive Vendor who best meets the terms and conditions of the proposal.

1. Rejection of individual proposals. -- A proposal may be rejected for 1 or more of the following reasons:
 - a. The person responding to the solicitation is determined to be nonresponsive or non-responsible;
 - b. It is unacceptable;
 - c. The proposed price is unreasonable; or
 - d. It is otherwise not advantageous to the Christina School District.
2. Vendors whose proposals are rejected as non-responsive shall be notified in writing about the rejection.
3. Responsibility of vendors. -- It shall be determined whether a vendor is responsible before awarding a contract. Factors to be considered in determining if a vendor is responsible include:
 - a. The vendor's financial, physical, personnel or other resources, including subcontracts;
 - b. The vendor's record of performance and integrity;
 - c. Any record regarding any suspension or debarment;
 - d. Whether the vendor is qualified legally to contract with the Christina School District;
 - e. Whether the vendor supplied all necessary information concerning its responsibility; and
 - f. Any other specific criteria for a particular procurement which an agency may establish (to be inserted by agency)
4. If a Vendor is determined to be non-responsible, the Vendor shall be informed in writing.
5. The Christina School District reserves the right to waive minor irregularities, or request additional information before determining the responsiveness of the Vendor. All Vendors will be afforded the same or similar opportunities, as necessary, and will be treated with equal regard before such determinations are finalized.

C. PROPOSAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The Proposal Evaluation Committee ("Committee") is comprised of representatives of the Christina School District.

The Committee reserves the right to:

- Select for contract or for negotiations a proposal other than that with lowest costs.
- Reject any and all proposals or portions of proposals received in response to this RFP or to make no award or issue a new RFP.
- Waive or modify any information, irregularity, or inconsistency in proposals received.
- Request modification to proposals from any or all vendors during the contract review and negotiation.
- Negotiate any aspect of the proposal with any vendor and negotiate with more than one vendor at the same time.
- Select more than one vendor pursuant to 29 Del. C. §6926.

Christina School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to make multiple awards, partial awards, award by types, item by item, or lump sum total, whichever may be most advantageous to the Christina School District.

D. REQUIREMENTS OF THE VENDOR

The purpose of this section is to assist the Proposal Evaluation Committee to determine the ability of the organization to provide the materials and services described in the application. The proposal response should contain at a minimum the following information:

1. Delaware business license:
Provide evidence of a Delaware business license or evidence of an application to obtain the business license.
2. As a part of the contract requirements, the contractor must obtain at its own cost and expense and keep in force and effect during the term of this contract, including all extensions, the minimum coverage limits specified below with a carrier satisfactory to the District. All contractors must carry the following:
 - a. Comprehensive General Liability - \$1,000,000.00 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence.
 - b. Professional Liability - \$1,000,000.00 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence.
3. Contractor will be responsible to provide evidence of criminal background checks at their expense of the employees assigned to provide services to Christina School District. The contractor shall provide copies of the background checks prior to bid award.
4. The contractor will be responsible for all State of Delaware and Federal Drug and Alcohol testing requirements prior to bid award.
5. The contractor will be responsible to provide child protection registry checks at their expense of the employees assigned to provide services to the Christina School District. The contractor shall provide copies of the registry checks prior to bid award.
6. The contractor will agree to provide invoice for services within thirty days of the event date and include the following on the invoice: event date, scheduled start and end time, actual end time (if different), interpreter name, location.

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E. CRITERIA AND SCORING:

	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT (%)
1.	Vendor's Safety record. Vendor must have a "satisfactory" safety operation record per Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Safety Measurement System (SMS)	35%
2.	Vendor's service capabilities, experience, quality, adequacy and responsiveness.	25%
3.	Vendor's fleet, i.e., type of equipment, number of vehicles age and maintenance.	10%
4.	Cost of service (cost at an hourly rate)	30%
	TOTAL SCORE	100%

Procurement Evaluation Committee members will assign up to the maximum number of points listed for each of the criteria listed above. For items having quantitative answers, points will be proportionate to each proposal's response. Items with qualitative answers will receive the average of points assigned by Proposal Evaluation Committee members.

F. BEST AND FINAL OFFERS

Once the proposals have been evaluated and negotiations have been held with the vendor(s) determined to be likely to receive an award, the Procurement Evaluation Committee may issue a request for Best and Final Offers from the vendor(s).

G. REFERENCES

The Committee may contact any customer of the vendor, whether or not included in the vendor's reference list, and use such information in the evaluation process. Additionally, the Christina School District may choose to visit existing installations of comparable systems, which may or may not include vendor personnel. If the vendor is involved in such site visits, the Christina School District will pay travel costs only for Christina School District personnel for these visits.

H. ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Selected vendors may be invited to make oral presentations to the Committee. The vendor representative(s) attending the oral presentation shall be technically qualified to respond to questions related to the proposed system and its components.

All of the vendor's costs associated with participation in oral discussions and system demonstrations conducted for the Christina School District are the vendor's responsibility.

IV. MANDATORY PREBID MEETING:

A mandatory pre-bid meeting has not been established for this Request for Proposal.

V. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

The attached Definitions and General Provisions apply to all contracts and are part of each Request for Proposal. The requirement to furnish a bid bond and performance bond is applicable unless waived. Should the General Provisions conflict with the Special Provisions, the Special Provisions shall prevail. Vendors or their authorized representatives are required to fully acquaint themselves as to State procurement laws and regulations prior to submitting bid.

A. DEFINITIONS: Whenever the following terms are used, their intent and meaning shall be interpreted as follows:

STATE: The State of Delaware

AGENCY: State Agency as noted on cover sheet.

BID INVITATION: The "invitation to bid" or "Request for Proposal" is a packet of material sent to vendors and consists of General Provisions, Special Provisions, specifications, and enclosures.

BOND: The approved form of security furnished by the Vendors and its surety as a guaranty of good faith on the part of the Vendor to execute the work in accordance with the terms of the contract.

CONTRACT: The written agreement covering the furnishing and delivery of material or work to be performed.

DESIGNATED OFFICIAL: The agent authorized to act for an Agency.

GENERAL PROVISIONS: General Provisions are instructions pertaining to contracts in general. They contain, in summary, requirements of laws of the State, policies of the Agency, and instructions to vendors.

LOCAL TIME: Eastern Standard Time/Eastern Daylight Time

OPPORTUNITY BUY: A special offer from a supplier that is usually associated with a limited time to respond.

PROPOSAL: The offer of the Vendor submitted on the approved form and setting forth the Vendor's prices for performing the work or supplying the material or equipment described in the specifications.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS: Special Provisions are specific conditions or requirements peculiar to the contract under consideration and are supplemental to the General Provisions. Should the Special Provisions conflict with the General Provisions, the Special Provisions shall prevail.

SURETY: The corporate body which is bound with and for the contract, or which is liable, and which engages to be responsible for the Vendor's payments of all debts pertaining to and for its acceptable performance of the work for which he has contracted

VENDOR: Any individual, firm, or corporation formally submitting a proposal for the material or work contemplated, acting directly or through a duly authorized representative.

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VENDOR'S DEPOSIT: The security designated in the proposal to be furnished by the Vendor as a guaranty of good faith to enter into a contract with the Agency if the work to be performed or the material or equipment to be furnished is awarded to it.

B. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. INTERPRETATION OF ESTIMATES/QUANTITIES

- a. Unless stated otherwise, the quantities given in the RFP are to be considered to be approximate only and are given as a basis for the comparison of bids. The Agency may increase or decrease the amount of any item as may be deemed necessary or expedient, during the period of the contract.
- b. An increase or decrease in the quantity for any item is not sufficient ground for an increase or decrease in the unit price.

2. SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS

The apparent silence of the specifications as to any detail, or the apparent omission from it of detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practice is to prevail and only material and workmanship of the first quality are to be used. Proof of specifications compliance will be the responsibility of the vendor.

3. EXAMINATION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND PROVISIONS

The Vendor shall examine carefully the proposal and the contract forms for the material contemplated. The Vendor shall investigate and satisfy itself as to the conditions to be encountered, quality and quantities of the material to be furnished, and the requirements of any Special Provisions in the RFP and the contract. The submission of a proposal shall be conclusive evidence that the Vendor has made examination of the aforementioned conditions.

4. PRICES QUOTED

The prices quoted are those for which the material will be furnished F.O.B. Ordering Agency and include all charges that may be imposed during the period of the contract.

All prices quoted must be in U.S. Dollars.

All vendors that maintain a core list of products under this contract shall maintain the appropriate negotiated prices on their core list. Vendors shall routinely offer to add to the core list materiel that has been identified as necessary. The Vendors are expected to routinely update any changes to the core list with the appropriate discounts listed.

Any adjustments to a core list must receive prior written approval from the Christina School District before a core list can be changed by the Vendor. Changes include but are not limited to the migration of items on and off the core list as well as any price adjustments from the original agreed upon pricing.

5. PUBLIC INSPECTION OF PROPOSALS

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All documents submitted as part of the vendor's proposal will be deemed confidential during the evaluation process. Vendor proposals will not be available for review by anyone other than the Christina School District Proposal Evaluation Committee or its designated agents. There shall be no disclosure of any vendor's information to a competing vendor prior to award of the contract.

The Christina School District is a public agency as defined by state law, and as such, it is subject to the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 29 Del. C. Ch. 100. Under the law, all the State of Delaware's records are public records (unless otherwise declared by law to be confidential) and are subject to inspection and copying by any person. Vendor(s) are advised that once a proposal is received by the Christina School District and a decision on contract award is made, its contents will become public record and nothing contained in the proposal will be deemed to be confidential except proprietary information.

Vendor(s) shall not include any information in their proposal that is proprietary in nature or that they would not want to be released to the public. Proposals must contain sufficient information to be evaluated and a contract written without reference to any proprietary information. If a vendor feels that they cannot submit their proposal without including proprietary information, they must adhere to the following procedure or their proposal may be deemed unresponsive and will not be recommended for selection. Vendor(s) must submit such information in a separate, sealed envelope labeled "Proprietary Information" with the RFP number. The envelope must contain a letter from the Vendor's legal counsel describing the documents in the envelope, representing in good faith that the information in each document is not "public record" as defined by 29 Del. C. § 10002(d), and briefly stating the reasons that each document meets the said definitions.

Upon receipt of a proposal accompanied by such a separate, sealed envelope, the Christina School District will open the envelope to determine whether the procedure described above has been followed.

6. LAWS TO BE OBSERVED

The Vendor is presumed to know and shall strictly comply with all Federal, State, or County laws, and City or Town ordinances and regulations in any manner affecting the conduct of the work. The Vendor shall indemnify and save harmless the Christina School District, the Agency, and all Officers, Agency and Servants thereof against any claim or liability arising from or based upon the violation of any such laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, or decrees whether by itself, by its employees, or by its subcontractor (s).

7. PERMITS AND LICENSES

In performance of the contract, the vendor will be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, codes, and regulations. The cost of permits and other relevant costs required in the performance of the contract shall be borne by the successful vendor. The vendor shall be properly licensed and authorized to transact business in the Christina School District as provided in 30 Del. C. § 2502.

8. PATENTED DEVICES, MATERIAL AND PROCESSES

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- a. The Vendor shall provide for the use of any patented design, device, material, or process to be used or furnished under this contract by suitable legal agreement with the patentee or owner, and shall file a copy of this agreement with the Agency.
- b. The Vendor and the surety shall hold and save harmless the Christina School District, the Agency, the Director, their Officers or Agents from any and all claims because of the use of such patented design, device, material, or process in connection with the work agreed to be performed under this contract.

9. EMERGENCY TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

- a. Due to restrictions which may be established by the United States Government on material, or work, a contract may be terminated by the cancellation of all or portions of the contract.
- b. In the event the Vendor is unable to obtain the material required to complete the items of work included in the contract because of restrictions established by the United States Government and if, in the opinion of the Agency, it is impractical to substitute other available material, or the work cannot be completed within a reasonable time, the incomplete portions of the work may be cancelled, or the contract may be terminated.

10. TAX EXEMPTION

- a. Material covered by this proposal is exempt from all FEDERAL and STATE TAXES. Such taxes shall not be included in prices quoted.
- b. Any material which is to be incorporated in the work or any equipment required for the work contemplated in the proposal may be consigned to the Agency. If the shipping papers show clearly that any such material is so consigned, the shipment will be exempt from the tax on the transportation of property under provisions of Section 3475 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Public Law 180 (78th Congress). All transportation charges shall be paid by the Vendor. Each Vendor shall take its exemption into account in calculating its bid for its work.

11. INVOICING

After the awards are made, the agencies participating in the bid may forward their purchase orders ("P.O.") to the successful Vendor(s) in accordance with School District Procedures. The district will generate a payment voucher upon receipt of an invoice from the vendor.

12. EQUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ON PUBLIC WORKS

During the performance of any contract for public works financed in whole or in part by appropriation of the Christina School District, the Vendor agrees as follows:

- a. The Vendor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, creed, color, sex, age, or national origin. The Vendor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated equally during employment without regard to their race, creed, color, sex, age, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: advertising, lay-off or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeships. The Vendor agrees to post in conspicuous

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places, notices to be provided by the contracting agency setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

- b. The Vendor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Vendor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age, or national origin.
- c. The term "Vendor for public works" means construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration, and/or repair work, maintenance work, and paid for in whole or in part out of the funds of a public body except work performed under a vocational rehabilitation program. The manufacture or furnishing of materials, articles, supplies or equipment is not a public work within the meaning of this subsection unless conducted in connection with and at the site of the public work.

13. PRICES

Prices and/or rates shall remain firm for the initial one (1) year term of the contract, unless further negotiations are deemed necessary by Christina School District.

The pricing policy that you choose to submit must address the following concerns:

- a. The structure must be clear, accountable and auditable.
- b. It must cover the full spectrum of services required.
- c. Costs and compensation must be consistent with the rates established or negotiated as a result of this RFP or P.O. issued based on this contract.

14. COOPERATIVES

Vendors, who have been awarded similar contracts through a competitive bidding process with a cooperative, are welcome to submit the cooperative pricing for this solicitation.

15. PRICE ADJUSTMENT

If during the initial term of the contract, the Vendor is not prohibited from offering a price reduction on its services or materiel offered under the contract. The Christina School District is not prohibited from requesting a price reduction on those services or materiel during the initial term or any subsequent options that the Christina School District may agree to exercise.

If agreement is reached to extend this contract beyond the initial one (1) year period, Christina School District shall have the option of offering a determined price adjustment that shall not exceed the current Philadelphia All Urban Consumers Price Index (CPI-U), U.S. City Average. If the CPI-U is used, any increase/decrease shall reflect the change during the previous published twelve (12) month period at the time of renegotiation.

16. SHIPPING TERMS

FOB Destination, freight prepaid.

17. FUNDING OUT or NON-APPROPRIATION

In the event the General Assembly fails to appropriate the specific funds necessary to enter into or continue the contractual agreement, in whole or part, the agreement shall be terminated as to any

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obligation of the School District requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds.

18. MANDATORY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Certificate of Insurance and/or copies of insurance policies for the following:

- a. As a part of the contract requirements, the Vendor shall obtain at its own cost and expense and keep in force and effect during the term of this contract, including all extensions, the minimum coverage limits specified below with a carrier satisfactory to Christina School District. All Vendors shall carry Comprehensive General Liability and all other coverages listed below.

1. Comprehensive General Liability - \$1,000,000.00 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence.

And

2. Product Liability - \$1,000,000.00 per person/\$3,000,000 per occurrence.

- b. Automotive Liability Insurance covering all automotive units used in the work with limits of not less than \$100,000 each person and \$300,000 each accident as to bodily injury and \$25,000 as to property damage to others.
- c. Forty-five (45) days written notice of cancellation or material change of any policies shall be required.
- d. Before any work is done hereunder, a Certificate of Insurance referencing the name and contract number stated herein, shall be filed with the Christina School District. The certificate holder is as follows:

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600 N. Lombard Street
Wilmington, DE 19801**

Note: The Christina School District shall not be named as an additional insured.

19. STATE OF DELAWARE BUSINESS LICENSE

Prior to receiving an award, the successful Vendor shall either furnish the Christina School District with proof of State of Delaware Business Licensure or initiate the process of application where required. An application may be requested in writing to: Division of Revenue, Carvel State Building, P.O. Box 8750, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, DE 19899 or by telephone to one of the following numbers: 302-577-8778. <http://revenue.delaware.gov/services/BusServices.shtml>

Information regarding the award of this contract will be given to the Division of Revenue. Failure to comply with the State of Delaware licensing requirements may subject your organization to applicable fines and/or interest penalties.

20. INDEMNIFICATION

- a. **General Indemnification**: By submitting a proposal, the proposing vendor agrees that in the event it is awarded a contract, it will indemnify and otherwise hold harmless the Christina School District, its agents and employees from any and all liability, suits, actions, or claims, together with all costs, expenses for attorney's fees, arising out of the vendor's its agents and employees' performance work or services in connection with the contract, regardless of whether such suits, actions, claims or liabilities are based upon acts or failures to act attributable, in whole or part, to the Christina School District, its employees or agents.
- b. **Proprietary Rights Indemnification**: Vendor shall warrant that all elements of its solution, including all equipment, software, documentation, services and deliverables, do not and will not infringe upon or violate any patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights of any third party. In the event of any claim, suit or action by any third party against the Christina School District, the Christina School District shall promptly notify the vendor in writing and vendor shall defend such claim, suit or action at vendor's expense, and vendor shall indemnify the Christina School District against any loss, cost, damage, expense or liability arising out of such claim, suit or action (including, without limitation, litigation costs, lost employee time, and counsel fees) whether or not such claim, suit or action is successful.

If any equipment, software, services (including methods) products or other intellectual property used or furnished by the vendor (collectively "Products") is or in vendor's reasonable judgment is likely to be, held to constitute an infringing product, vendor shall at its expense and option either:

1. Procure the right for the Christina School District to continue using the Product(s);
2. Replace the product with a non-infringing equivalent that satisfies all the requirements of the contract; or
3. Modify the Product(s) to make it or them non-infringing, provided that the modification does not materially alter the functionality or efficacy of the product or cause the Product(s) or any part of the work to fail to conform to the requirements of the Contract, or only alters the Product(s) to a degree that the Christina School District agrees to and accepts in writing.

21. NON-PERFORMANCE

In the event the Vendor does not fulfill its obligations under the terms and conditions of this contract, in addition to proceeding with termination of the contract, the ordering agency may purchase equivalent product on the open market. Any difference in cost between the contract prices herein and the price of open market product shall be the responsibility of the Vendor. Under no circumstances shall monies be due the Vendor in the event open market products can be obtained below contract cost. Any monies charged to the Vendor may be deducted from an open invoice.

22. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither the vendor nor the ordering agency shall be held liable for non-performance under the terms and conditions of this contract due, but not limited to, government restriction, strike, flood, fire, or unforeseen catastrophe beyond either party's control. Each party shall notify the other in writing of any situation that may prevent performance under the terms and conditions of this contract.

23. VENDOR NON-ENTITLEMENT

Christina School District Vendors for Materiel and for Services shall not have legal entitlement to utilize any Central Contract held by the Christina School District or the State of Delaware. The Vendors may not seek business from another Vendors' Central Contract for the purpose of preparing a bid or proposal to the Christina School District. Additionally, they shall not utilize other Central Contracts to fulfill the requirements of their respective contract unless they are considered a "Covered Agency" as defined by Title 29 Chapter 69 of the State Procurement Code or otherwise permitted by law.

This is not a prohibition from any Vendor choosing to work with another Vendor who holds a State Central Contract for private business.

24. ORDERING PROCEDURE

Successful Vendors are required to have either a local telephone number within the (302) area code, a toll free (800) number, or agree to accept collect calls. Depending on the nature and scope of the event, the Christina School District shall be responsible for contacting the awarded vendor directly for all required resources. All consumables delivered by the Vendor and received by Christina School District, shall become the property of the Christina School District. Orders may be accomplished by written purchase order, telephone, fax or computer on-line systems.

25. BILLING

The Vendor is required to "Bill as Shipped" to the respective ordering agency(s). Ordering agencies shall provide contract number, ship to and bill to address, contact name and phone number. The Vendor shall not charge a late fee that exceeds more than one percent (1%) per month, not to exceed twelve percent (12%) per annum.

Agencies will make every effort to achieve available discount opportunities under this contract. Vendors shall be required to report semi-annually opportunities to enhance the discounts achieved.

26. METHOD OF PAYMENT

- a. For each P.O. issued as part of this contract, the Christina School District will pay Vendor monthly, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Vendor's billing, the amount which is legitimately earned by the Vendor, and supported by payroll data and an itemized accounting of reasonable reimbursable direct non-salary costs. A current progress report of the work shall accompany each billing.

Final settlement for total payment to the Vendor will be made within thirty (30) days from the date of final written Christina School District acceptance of the work and services as agreed to in the P.O.

- b. No premium time for overtime will be paid without prior written Christina School District authorization. Indirect overhead cost shall not be applied to the premium portion of the overtime.
- c. The agencies or school districts using this award will authorize and process for payment each invoice within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt of a correct invoice. The Christina School District intends to maximize the use of the P-Card for payment for goods and services provided under contract. Vendors shall not charge additional fees for acceptance of this payment method and shall incorporate any costs into their proposals. Additionally there shall be no minimum or maximum limits on any P-Card transaction under the contract. While it is the Christina School

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District's intention to utilize the P-card payment method the Christina School District reserves, at its discretion, the right to pay by ACH/ ACI or check. Should a Vendor wish to provide a financial incentive to not process payment by P-Card in their proposal, they are to prepare their proposals to clearly outline any incentives for alternative payment methods the Vendor is willing to accept.

27. PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION

All items or services delivered during the life of the contract shall be of the same type and manufacture as specified or accepted as part of the proposal unless specific approval is given by the Agency to do otherwise. Awarded vendors are highly encouraged to offer any like substitute product (s), either generic or brand name, at any time during the subsequent contract term, especially if an opportunity for cost savings to the Christina School District exists. In all cases, the Christina School District may require the submission of written specifications and/or product samples for evaluation prior to any approvals being granted.

If a substitution is granted by the Christina School District, the Vendor must update its core list and maintain said list in a timely manner.

28. SCHEDULE FOR PERFORMANCE OF WORK

All work described in these specifications shall be completed with reasonable promptness. As used in this Section, the Christina School District shall be the sole judge of the term "reasonable". If the Vendor does not begin the work in a reasonable amount of time, they will be notified that if they fail to initiate the work promptly, the contract may be terminated and the Christina School District will forthwith proceed to collect for nonperformance of work.

29. VENDOR RESPONSIBILITY

The Christina School District will enter into a contract with the successful Vendor(s). The successful Vendor(s) shall be responsible for all products and services as required by this RFP whether or not the Vendor or a subcontractor provided it. Subcontractors, if any, shall be clearly identified in the Vendor's proposal by completing Attachment 7.

30. VENDOR- OWNED RENTAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES REMOVAL

The awarded Vendor shall remove all rental equipment and supplies from the event location (s) no later than an agreed to date once all contract obligations by the Vendor have been met.

31. ENVIRONMENTAL PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

Energy Star - If applicable, the Vendor must provide products that earn the ENERGY STAR rating and meet the ENERGY STAR specifications for energy efficiency in order to keep overall event costs to a minimum. The Vendor is encouraged to visit www.energystar.gov for complete product specifications and updated lists of qualifying products.

Green Products – third party certification of green products accepted from GSS w/approved green certification shall be offered wherever available in addition to or as a substitute for non-green products.

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Vendors shall report all green items procured during the monthly reporting period using the Usage Report that will be provided to the awarded Vendor(s).

Environmental Procurement Policies of the State shall determine acceptable consideration and credit for environmentally preferred products and services in the performance of this award. The State Environmental Procurement Policies may be found:

<http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/contracting/documents/agencyboilers/espp.pdf>.

32. PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT/SERVICES

- a. The Vendor represents that it has, or will secure at its own expense, all personnel required to perform the services required under this contract.
- b. All of the equipment and services required hereunder shall be provided by or performed by the Vendor or under its direct supervision, and all personnel, including subcontractors, engaged in the work shall be fully qualified and shall be authorized under State and local law to perform such services.
- c. None of the equipment and/or services covered by this contract shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the Christina School District. Only those identified in Attachment 7 are considered approved upon award. Changes to those subcontractor(s) listed in Attachment 7 must be approved in writing by the Christina School District.

33. MINIMUM WAGE RATES

Work performed under this solicitation may fall under the State of Delaware Minimum Wage Rates or the Delaware Prevailing Wage rates. Prior to issuing a purchase order, the ordering agencies must obtain from the Department of Labor a determination if prevailing wage applies to the project and, if appropriate, what the applicable prevailing wage rates would be for the work to be performed. No work shall proceed without a determination by the Department of Labor. Request for prevailing wage certification can be found at:

<http://www.delawareworks.com/industrialaffairs/services/LaborLawEnforcementInfo.shtml#pw1>.

34. PREVAILING WAGE

The prevailing wage law, 29 Del.C. §6960, is enforced by the Department of Labor and states that the specifications for every contract or aggregate of contracts relating to a public works project in excess of \$100,000 for new construction (including painting and decorating) or \$15,000 for alteration, repair, renovation, rehabilitation, demolition or reconstruction (including painting and decorating of building or works) to which this State or any subdivision thereof is a party and for which the Christina School District appropriated any part of the funds and which requires or involves the employment of mechanics and/or laborers shall contain a provision stating the minimum wages to be paid various classes of laborers and mechanics which shall be based upon the wages that will be determined by the Delaware Department of Labor, Division of Industrial Affairs, to be prevailing in the county in which the work is to be performed.

35. TERMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL ORDERS OR PURCHASE ORDERS

The individual orders may be terminated as follows:

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- a. **Termination for Cause:** If, for any reasons, or through any cause, the Vendor fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner his obligations, or if the Vendor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, the Agency shall have the right to terminate the P.O. by giving written notice to the Vendor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least five (5) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other material prepared by the Vendor in the performance of the P.O. shall, at the option of the Agency, become its property, and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which is usable to the Agency.
- b. **Termination for Convenience:** The Agency may terminate the P.O. at any time by giving written notice of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least sixty (60) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, models, photographs, reports, supplies, and other materials shall, at the option of the department, become its property and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which are usable to the Agency.
- c. **Termination for Non-Appropriations:** In the event the General Assembly fails to appropriate the specific funds necessary to enter into or continue the contractual agreement, in whole or part, the agreement shall be terminated as to any obligation of the Christina School District requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds. This is not a termination for convenience and will not be converted to such.

36. **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

This RFP contract may be terminated as follows by Christina School District:

- a. **Termination for Cause:** If, for any reasons, or through any cause, the Vendor fails to fulfill in timely and proper manner its obligations under this Contract, or if the Vendor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this Contract, the Christina School District shall thereupon have the right to terminate this contract by giving written notice to the Vendor of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least 30 days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other material prepared by the Vendor under this Contract shall, at the option of the Christina School District, become its property, and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials which is usable to Christina School District.
- b. **Termination for Convenience:** The Christina School District may terminate this Contract at any time by giving written notice of such termination and specifying the effective date thereof, at least sixty (60) days before the effective date of such termination. In that event, all finished or unfinished documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, models, photographs, reports, supplies, and other materials shall, at the option of the Christina School District, become its property and the Vendor shall be entitled to receive compensation for any satisfactory work completed on such documents and other materials, and which is usable to the Christina School District.
- c. **Termination for Non-Appropriations:** In the event the General Assembly fails to appropriate the specific funds necessary to enter into or continue the contractual agreement, in whole or part, the

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agreement shall be terminated as to any obligation of the Christina School District requiring the expenditure of money for which no specific appropriation is available at the end of the last fiscal year for which no appropriation is available or upon the exhaustion of funds. This is not a termination for convenience and will not be converted to such.

37. CHANGES

Both parties may, from time to time, require changes in the services to be provided by the Vendor under the Scope of Work. Such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the Vendor's compensation, which are mutually agreed upon by and between the School District and the Vendor shall be incorporated in written amendments to the Purchase Order or contract.

38. INTEREST OF VENDOR

The Vendor covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree in providing products or performing services required under this contract. The Vendor further covenants, that in the performance of this contract, no person having any such interest shall be employed.

39. PUBLICATION, REPRODUCTION AND USE OF MATERIAL

No material produced in whole or part under this contract shall be subject to copyright in the United States or in any other country. The Christina School District shall have unrestricted authority to publish, disclose, distribute and otherwise use, in whole or in part, any reports, data, or other materials prepared under this contract; provided, however, that the Christina School District agrees not to use any design or engineering plans prepared by the Vendor for anything other than their intended purpose under this Contract. The Vendor shall have the right to publish any and all scientific findings. Appropriate acknowledgment and credit for the Christina School District's support shall be given in the publication.

40. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

The rights and obligations of each party to this agreement shall not be effective, and no party shall be bound by the terms of this agreement, unless and until a valid executed purchase order has been approved by the School District or the Secretary of Finance, and all procedures of the Christina School District or the Department of Finance have been complied with. A separate purchase order shall be issued for every project.

41. ASSIGNMENT OF ANTITRUST CLAIMS

As consideration for the award and execution of this contract by Christina School District, the Vendor hereby grants, conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Christina School District all of its right, title and interest in and to all known or unknown causes of action it presently has or may now or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Christina School District, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired for Christina School District pursuant to this contract.

42. TESTING AND INSPECTION

The Christina School District reserves the right to conduct any test or inspection it may deem necessary to insure equipment, materials and services conform to contract requirements.

43. COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

The Vendor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees. For breach or violation of this warranty, the Christina School District shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fees.

44. GRATUITIES

- a. If it is found, after notice and hearing, by the Christina School District that gratuities (in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise) were offered or given by the Vendor or any agent of the Christina School District with a view toward securing a contract, or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding, amending, or the making of any determinations with respect to the performance of this contract, the Christina School District may, by written notice to the Vendor, terminate the right of the Vendor to proceed under this contract and/or may pursue such other rights and remedies provided by law or under this agreement; provided that the existence of the facts upon which the Christina School District makes such findings shall be in issue and may be reviewed in proceedings pursuant to the Remedies clause of this contract; and
- b. In the event this contract is terminated pursuant to subparagraph "a", the Christina School District shall be entitled (i) to pursue the same remedies against the Vendor, and (ii) to exemplary damages, as a penalty in addition to any other damages to which it may be entitled by law, in an amount which shall be not less than three, nor more than ten, times the costs incurred by the Vendor in providing any such gratuities to any such officer or employee. The amount of such exemplary damages shall be in the sole discretion of the Christina School District.

45. AFFIRMATION

The Vendor must affirm that within the past five (5) years the firm or any officer, controlling stockholder, partner, principal, or other person substantially involved in the contracting activities of the business is not currently suspended or debarred and is not a successor, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business.

46. AUDIT ACCESS TO RECORDS

The Vendor shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to this Contract to the extent and in such detail as shall adequately reflect performance hereunder. The Vendor agrees to preserve and make available to the Christina School District, upon request, such records for a period of five (5) years from the date services were rendered by the Vendor. Records involving matters in litigation shall be retained for one (1) year following the termination of such litigation. The Vendor agrees to make such records available for inspection, audit, or reproduction to any official Christina School District representative in the performance of their duties under the Contract. Upon notice given to the Vendor, representatives of the Christina School District or other duly authorized Christina School District, State or Federal agency may inspect, monitor, and/or evaluate the cost and billing records or other material relative to this Contract. The cost of any Contract audit disallowances resulting from the examination of the Vendor's financial records will be borne by the Vendor. Reimbursement to the Christina School District for disallowances shall be drawn from the Vendor's own resources and not charged to Contract cost or cost pools indirectly charging Contract costs.

47. REMEDIES

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, all claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between the School District and the Vendor arising out of, or relating to, this contract, or a breach of it may be decided by arbitration if the parties mutually agree, or in a court of competent jurisdiction within the Christina School District.

48. AMENDMENTS

This contract may be amended, in writing, by mutual agreement of the successful vendor and Government Support Services.

49. SUBCONTRACTS

Subcontracting is permitted under this RFP and contract. However, every subcontractor shall be identified in the Proposal (Attachment 7) and agreed to in writing by the Christina School District or as are specifically authorized in writing by the Agency during the performance of the contract. Any substitutions in or additions to such subcontractors, associates, or consultants will be subject to the prior written approval of the Christina School District.

The Vendor(s) shall be responsible for compliance by the subcontractor with all terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP and with all local, State and Federal Laws. The Vendor shall be liable for any noncompliance by any subcontractor. Further, nothing contained herein or in any subcontractor agreement shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between the subcontractor and the Christina School District.

50. AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Agency shall:

- a. Examine and review in detail all letters, reports, drawings and other documents presented by the Vendor to the Agency and render to the Vendor in writing, findings and decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of Vendor.
- b. Give prompt written notice to the Vendor whenever the Agency observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of the Vendor's services.

51. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

The Definitions and General Provisions and any Special Instructions, Specifications, Request for Proposal, Proposal, Purchase Order, and Contract shall be a part of and constitute the entire Agreement entered into by the Christina School District and any Vendor. In the event there is any discrepancy between any of these contract documents, the following order of documents governs so that the former prevails over the latter:

- Contract
- Request for Proposal
- Specifications or Scope of Work
- Definitions & General Provisions

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- Proposal
- Purchase Order
- Special Instruction

52. ASSIGNMENT

This contract shall not be assigned except by express prior written consent from the Agency.

53. NOTICE

Any notice to the Christina School District required under the contract shall be sent by registered mail to:

**Christina School District
Business Office
600 N. Lombard Street
Wilmington, DE 19801**

54. VENDOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE POINT OF CONTACT

The awarded vendor(s) shall provide the name(s), telephone, or cell phone number(s) of those individuals who can be contacted twenty four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week where there is a critical need for commodities or services when the Governor of the State of Delaware declares a state of emergency under the Delaware Emergency Operations Plan dated November 2009 or in the event of a local emergency or disaster where a governmental entity other than a Christina School District requires the services of the vendor. Failure to provide this information could render the proposal as non-responsive.

C. AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

1. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

The right is reserved to waive technicalities, to reject any or all bids, or any portion thereof, to seek new proposals, to proceed to do the work otherwise, or to abandon the work, if in the judgment of the Agency or its agent, the best interest of the Christina School District will be promoted thereby.

2. MATERIAL GUARANTY

Before any contract is awarded, the successful Vendor may be required to furnish a complete statement of the origin, composition and manufacture of any or all of the material to be used in the contract together with such samples as may be requested for the purpose of testing.

3. AWARD OF CONTRACT

Within forty five (45) days from the date of opening proposals, the contract will be awarded or the proposals rejected.

4. EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

The Vendor (s) to whom the award is made shall execute a formal contract within twenty (20) days after date of official notice of the award of the contract.

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5. WARRANTY

The successful Vendor(s) shall be required to extend any policy guarantee usually offered to the general public, FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, or MUNICIPAL governments, on material in this contract against defective material, workmanship, and performance.

6. THE CONTRACT(S)

The contract(s) with the successful Vendor(s) will be executed with Christina School District acting for all participating governmental entities.

7. INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

The successful Vendor's shall be required to advise and provide Christina School District of the gross costs associated with this contract.

8. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Christina School District reserves the right to add or modify terms and conditions during contract negotiations.

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VI. PROPOSAL REPLY SECTION for CONTRACT NO. CSD-2012-21

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Please fill out the attached forms fully and completely and return with your proposal in a sealed envelope clearly displaying the contract number to the Christina School District by 2:00 PM (Local Time) June 25, 2012 at which time bids will be opened.

NO MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THIS SOLICITATION.

Proposals must be mailed to:

**Christina School District
Business Office
600 N. Lombard Street
Wilmington, DE 19801**

PUBLIC PROPOSAL OPENINGS

The public proposal opening insures the citizens of Delaware that contracts are being proposed fairly on a competitive basis and comply with Delaware procurement laws. The agency conducting the opening is required by law to publicly open the proposals at the time and place specified and the contract shall be awarded within ninety (90) days thereafter. The main purpose of the proposal opening is to reveal the name(s) of the Vendor(s), not to serve as a forum for determining the apparent low Vendors. The disclosure of additional information, including prices, shall be at the discretion of the contracting agency until such time that the responsiveness of each proposal has been determined.

After receipt of a fully executed contract(s), the Delaware public and all Vendors are invited to make an appointment with the agency in order to review pricing and other non-confidential information.

NOTE: ONLY THE VENDOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS WILL BE READ AT THE OPENING

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Attachment 1

NO PROPOSAL REPLY FORM

CONTRACT # CSD-2012-21

CONTRACT TITLE: Distance Education Student Transportation Services

To assist us in obtaining good competition on our Request for Proposals, we ask that each firm that has received a proposal, but does not wish to bid, state their reason(s) below and return in a clearly marked envelope displaying the contract number. This information will not preclude receipt of future invitations unless you request removal from the Vendor's List by so indicating below, or do not return this form or bona fide proposal.

Unfortunately, we must offer a "No Proposal" at this time because:

- _____ 1. We do not wish to participate in the proposal process.
- _____ 2. We do not wish to bid under the terms and conditions of the Request for Proposal document. Our objections are:

- _____ 3. We do not feel we can be competitive.
- _____ 4. We cannot submit a Proposal because of the marketing or franchising policies of the manufacturing company.
- _____ 5. We do not wish to sell to the Christina School District. Our objections are:

- _____ 6. We do not sell the items/services on which Proposals are requested.
- _____ 7. Other: _____

FIRM NAME

SIGNATURE

_____ We wish to remain on the Vendor's List **for these goods or services.**

_____ We wish to be deleted from the Vendor's List **for these goods or services.**

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Attachment 2

CONTRACT NO.: CSD-2012-21 TITLE: Distance Education Student Transportation Services
OPENING DATE: June 25, 2012 at 2:00 PM (Local Time)

NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

This is to certify that the undersigned Vendor has neither directly nor indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this proposal, **and further certifies that it is not a sub-contractor to another Vendor who also submitted a proposal as a primary Vendor in response to this solicitation** submitted this date to the Christina School District.

It is agreed by the undersigned Vendor that the signed delivery of this bid represents the Vendor's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal including all specifications and special provisions.

NOTE: Signature of the authorized representative **MUST** be of an individual who legally may enter his/her organization into a formal contract with the State of Delaware, Christina School District.

COMPANY NAME _____ (Check one)

NAME OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE _____

(Please type or print)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Corporation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual

SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____

COMPANY ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

FEDERAL E.I. NUMBER _____ STATE OF DELAWARE
LICENSE NUMBER _____

COMPANY CLASSIFICATIONS: CERT. NO.	Women Business Enterprise (WBE)	YES	NO	Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)	YES	NO	Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)	YES	NO
		(circle one)			(circle one)			(circle one)	

[The above table is for information and statistical use only.]

PURCHASE ORDERS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

(COMPANY NAME) _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ FAX NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

AFFIRMATION: Within the past five years, has your firm, any affiliate, any predecessor company or entity, owner, Director, officer, partner or proprietor been the subject of a Federal, State, Local government suspension or debarment?

YES _____ NO _____ if yes, please explain _____

THIS PAGE SHALL BE SIGNED, NOTARIZED AND RETURNED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL TO BE CONSIDERED

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public _____ My commission expires _____

City of _____ County of _____ State of _____

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Attachment 4

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Attachment 5

☐ By checking this box, the Vendor acknowledges that they are not providing any information they declare to be confidential or proprietary for the purpose of production under 29 Del. C. ch. 100, Delaware Freedom of Information Act.

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Business References

List a minimum of three business references, including the following information:

- Business Name and Mailing address
- Contact Name and phone number
- Number of years doing business with
- Type of work performed

Please do not list any State Employee as a business reference. If you have held a State contract within the last 5 years, please list the contract.

1. Business Name/Mailing Address:
Contact Name/Phone Number:
Number of years doing business with :
Describe type of work performed:

2. Business Name/Mailing Address:
Contact Name/Phone Number:
Number of years doing business with :
Describe type of work performed:

3. Business Name/Mailing Address:
Contact Name/Phone Number:
Number of years doing business with :
Describe type of work performed:

Attachment 7

PART I – STATEMENT BY PROPOSING VENDOR		
1. CONTRACT NO. CSD-2012-06A	2. Proposing Vendor Name:	3. Mailing Address
4. SUBCONTRACTOR		
a. NAME	4c. Company OMWBE Classification: Certification Number: _____	
b. Mailing Address:	4d. Women Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4e. Minority Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 4f. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
5. DESCRIPTION OF WORK BY SUBCONTRACTOR		
6a. NAME OF PERSON SIGNING	7. BY <i>(Signature)</i>	8. DATE SIGNED
6b. TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING		
PART II – ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY SUBCONTRACTOR		
9a. NAME OF PERSON SIGNING	10. BY <i>(Signature)</i>	11. DATE SIGNED
9b. TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING		

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OMWBE Certification Application found here:

<http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/omwbe/certify.shtml>

State of Delaware

**Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise
Certification Application**



Complete application and send via email, fax or mail to:

Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise (OMWBE)

100 Enterprise Place Suite # 4 Dover, DE 19904-8202

Telephone: (302) 857-4554 Fax: (302) 677-7086

Email: deomwbe@state.de.us

Web site: <http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/omwbe/index.shtml>

Link to Certification Application: <http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/omwbe/certify.shtml>

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**APPENDIX A
SCOPE OF WORK**

Scope of Services

This RFP is to provide transportation services for the students that are in an Alternative Distance Education Program available to high school students who are precluded from attending their comprehensive high school and are entitled to transportation.

1.0 SCOPE

- 1.1 This specification is offered to select an award bidder(s) to provide student transportation based on the need of students to be transported from various residential areas to The Douglass School.
- 1.2 Awards of this RFP will apply to the transportation of students from the New Castle County. These students may be in shelters, group homes or living with relatives. The number of students is not known and may vary from time to time during the term of the contract.
- 1.3 The award bidder is required to provide service in accordance with state and federal regulations and the policies of the Board of Education of Christina School District.

2.0 QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

- 2.1 Provide three references as to the quality of your transportation service.
- 2.2 CSD reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by a bidder or from the investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy CSD that such bidder is qualified to perform the obligations of the contract.
- 2.3 CSD reserves the right to reject the proposal of any bidder who has previously failed to perform adequately after having once been awarded a prior bid for furnishing similar services as those required in this solicitation.
- 2.4 Bidders shall include evidence that they maintain a permanent place of business, copies of any and all appropriate licenses necessary to perform this work with their proposal.
- 2.5 In determining the qualifications of a bidder, CSD will consider the bidder's record and performance of any prior contracts with CSD. Failure of a Bidder to successfully complete a contract for CSD, or failure of a Bidder to complete a contract for CSD on time, is just reason for rejection of their bid. CSD reserves the right to determine the actual qualifications of the apparent low bidder.
- 2.6 Bidders shall only submit proposal if able to possess the appropriate resources to execute contract.
- 2.7 CSD may conduct any necessary investigation to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to CSD all such information and data requested. CSD reserves the right to reject any proposal if the evidence submitted by the bidder or investigation of such bidder fails to satisfy CSD that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete all requirements contemplated therein. Conditional proposals will not be accepted.
- 2.8 Consideration will be given to any previous performance with CSD as to the quality and the acceptability of bidder's services. Unsatisfactory performance shall include, but not be limited to any one or more of the following:
 - 2.8.1 Failure of the company to properly protect CSD property, employees, students, and/or the public.
 - 2.8.2 Failure of the company to enter into a contractual agreement upon recommendation of award.
 - 2.8.3 Other criteria as determined to be of importance to CSD for proper project execution.

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3.0 DRIVER QUALIFICATIONS

- 3.1 The award bidders shall meet all driver requirements and shall have on file and available for audit documents that verify all personnel involved in the performance of the contracted services have been certified by finger printing (background investigation), citizenship status, and drug-free testing.
- 3.2 Bus drivers shall meet all licensing requirements of applicable state Motor Vehicle Administrations in which they operate.
- 3.3 Drivers shall observe the highest possible standards of safe driving at all times and strictly comply with the rules of the road and all provisions of applicable state Motor Vehicle Administrations in which they operate.
- 3.4 The award bidder and bus drivers shall take every precaution to insure the safety of passengers. The use of tobacco by any person while performing their bus duties is absolutely prohibited. The use of intoxicants or narcotics by any person while driving a school bus or during a reasonable period before driving a school bus is absolutely prohibited. The presence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotics, in or upon a school bus, is absolutely prohibited. Any violation shall be cause for dismissal of the award bidder's employee or, in the case of a violation by an award bidder, shall be cause for summary termination of this agreement. All drivers must meet all federal and state Commercial Driver's License requirements. All drivers must abide by all policies and procedures established by Christina School District.

4.0 PRICES

- 4.1 Bidders shall enter price rates on a separate page in the proposal submission.

Flat Rate: Monday thru Friday
- 4.2 Bidders must submit rates on the Proposal Page form only. Proposals received with altered formats will be considered as non-responsive and ineligible for award.
- 4.3 Bidders must submit rates for the transportation of students to and from school.
- 4.4 In quoting specific trips to CSD schools/offices, award bidders will be free to choose whichever category and whichever classification or combination of classifications are appropriate to them. Award bidders must, however, quote the rates that they have proposed in this solicitation.
- 4.5 Rates received in response to this RFP will be valid until June 30, 2013. By May 31, 2013 award bidders may submit revised price rates that will be effective for the ensuing fiscal year, July 1, 2013 thru June 30, 2014. This annual revised price procedure will be in effect for the entire contract term. If CSD receives no revised price rates by May 31, current rates will apply for the ensuing fiscal year.
- 4.6 ALL PRICES BID SHALL INCLUDE ALL DELIVERY CHARGES

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APPENDIX B-1



BIDDERS SIGNATURE FORM

Name of Bidder _____
Signature of Authorized Person _____
Type in Name of Authorized Person _____
Title of Authorized Person _____
Street Name/Number _____
City, State, and Zip Code _____
Contact Person _____
Telephone Number _____
Fax Number _____
Date _____
Email Address _____
Bidder's Federal Employers Identification No. _____
Delivery Day/Completion Time _____
F.O.B. _____
Terms _____

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE VENDOR

AS CONSIDERATION FOR THE AWARD AND EXECUTION BY CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THIS CONTRACT, THE (COMPANY NAME) _____ HEREBY GRANTS, CONVEYS, SELLS, ASSIGNS, AND TRANSFERS TO THE CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT ALL OF ITS RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST IN AND TO ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN CAUSES OF ACTION IT PRESENTLY HAS OR MAY NOW HEREAFTER ACQUIRE UNDER THE ANTI-TRUST LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF DELAWARE, RELATING THE PARTICULAR GOODS OR SERVICES PURCHASES OR ACQUIRED BY THE CHRISTINA SCHOOL DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO THIS CONTRACT.

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APPENDIX B-2



Certification Sheet

As the official representative for the proposer, I certify on behalf of the agency that:

- a. They are a regular dealer in the services being procured.
- b. They have the ability to fulfill all requirements specified for development within this RFP.
- c. They have independently determined their prices.
- d. They are accurately representing their type of business and affiliations.
- e. They will secure a Delaware Business License.
- f. They have acknowledged that no contingency fees have been paid to obtain award of this contract.
- g. The prices in this offer have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other contractor or with any competitor;
- h. Unless otherwise required by Law, the prices which have been quoted in this offer have not been knowingly disclosed by the contractor and prior to the award in the case of a negotiated procurement, directly or indirectly to any other contractor or to any competitor; and
- i. No attempt has been made or will be made by the contractor in part to other persons or firm to submit or not to submit an offer for the purpose of restricting competition.
- j. They have not employed or retained any company or person (other than a full-time bona fide employee working solely for the contractor) to solicit or secure this contract, and they have not paid or agreed to pay any company or person (other than a full-time bona fide employee working solely for the contractor) any fee, commission percentage or brokerage fee contingent upon or resulting from the award of this contract.
- k. They (check one) operate ☐ an individual; ☐ a Partnership ☐ a non-profit (501 C-3) organization; ☐ a not-for-profit organization; or ☐ for Profit Corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of .
- l. The referenced proposer has neither directly or indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this bid submitted this date to Christina School District
- m. The referenced bidder agrees that the signed delivery of this bid represents the bidder's acceptance of the terms and conditions of this invitation to bid including all specifications and special provisions.
- n. They (check one): ☐ are; ☐ are not owned or controlled by a parent company. If owned or controlled by a parent company, enter name and address of parent company:

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Violations and Penalties:

Each contract entered into by an agency for services shall contain a prohibition against contingency fees as follows:

1. The firm offering services swears that it has not employed or retained any company or person working primarily for the firm offering services, to solicit or secure this agreement by improperly influencing the District or any of its employees in the service procurement process.
2. The firm offering the services has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm other than a bona fide employee working primarily for the firm offering services, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this agreement; and
3. For the violation of this provision, the District shall have the right to terminate the agreement without liability and at its discretion, to deduct from the contract price, or otherwise recover the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift or consideration.

The following conditions are understood and agreed to:

- a. No charges, other than those specified in the cost proposal, are to be levied upon the District as a result of a contract.
- b. The District will have exclusive ownership of all products of this contract unless mutually agreed to in writing at the time a binding contract is executed.

Date

Signature & Title of Official Representative

Type Name of Official Representative

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APPENDIX B-3

Statement of Compliance Form

As the official representative for the CONTRACTOR, I certify on behalf of the agency that:

They will comply with all Federal and Delaware laws and regulations pertaining to equal employment opportunity and affirmative action. In addition, compliance will be assured in regard to Federal and Delaware laws and regulations relating to confidentiality and individual and family privacy in the collection and reporting of data.

Authorized Signature _____
Title _____
Date _____